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1. SUMMARY. ANNUAL MEETING OF S&T ADVISERS REACHED AGREEMENT ON MODEST SHORT-TERM PROGRAM WITH PRIORITIES ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND US PROPOSED SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION TO BE HELD IN GENEVA, JULY 14-17, 1975. DISCUSSIONS WERE IN GENERAL MORE USEFUL AND HARMONIOUS THAN PREVIOUS YEARS WITH ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE BEING POLARIZED POSITIONS ON FOLLOW-UP WORK PERTAINING TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH (FACILITATING CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS). NEXT MEETING SEPT 15-19, 1974. END SUMMARY.

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2. ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, DEVOTED TO VARIETY OF PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK, WAS HIGH-LIGHTED THIS TIME BY EAST EUROPEAN INITIATIVES. WESTERN REPS, ALTHOUGH UNDERSCORING IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEMS, STRESSED FORUM FUNCTION AND OVERVIEW ROLE OF S&T ADVISERS CONCERNING ENERGY-RELATED WORK OF OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES, NEED TO DRAW ON WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (OECD, CMEA, IIASA), AND LIMITED MANPOWER CAPABILITIES WHICH WOULD ONLY MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT MODEST PROGRAM UNDER S&T ADVISERS. PROPOSAL BY BULGARIAN REP FOR HOSTING SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGIES FOR UTILIZATION OF LOW CALORIE FUELS (VARNA, APRIL 1976) WAS AGREED. AD HOC EXPERT GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES TO MEET APRIL 29-30 1975 TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING FUTURE PROGRAM ITEMS:

- A. PREPARATION OF BULGARIAN SEMINAR.
- B. SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN ENERGY SECTOR AND PROJECT PLAN FOR DEVELOPING ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK PERTAINING TO ENERGY R & D (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) STRATEGIES. FIRST STEP IS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON MEMBER COUNTRY ENERGY R & D PROGRAMS (E.G. OECD SURVEY AS FAR AS WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED).
- C. PREPARATIONS FOR JOINT ENVIRONMENT/S&T ADVISERS STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT RELEVANT TO INNOVATIONS IN ENERGY SECTOR. STUDY PLAN SHOULD RECEIVE FURTHER REVISION BY SENIOR ENVIRONMENT ADVISERS.

3. INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS PRINCIPAL FIELD OF WORK IN S&T ADVISERS PROGRAM, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY USSR, RECEIVED STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM USSR AND EASTER REPS FOR EXAMINATION OF MORE RATIONAL USE OF RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES. US SUGGESTED PULLING TOGETHER EXISTING INFORMATION AND STUDIES CONCERNING MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS. MODEST PROGRAM ENDORSED FOR SECRETARIAT TO ANALYZE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ELSEWHERE ON TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS IN THE USE AND RECYCLING OF BASIC RESOURCES OR MATERIALS.

4. COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS AND PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP WORK OF WARSAW SEMINAR CONCERNING PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR EAST-WEST RESEARCH

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COOPERATION BECAME POLARIZED ALONG CSCE LINES. EAST LED BY USSR OPPOSED TO IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC ITEM CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF FORMS FOR ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS. WEST LED BY FRG OPPOSED TO IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC ITEM CONCERNING PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON CRITERIA AND GUIDES FOR ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE EAST-WEST RESEARCH WITHOUT INCLUSION OF ITEM ON FACILITATING EXCHANGES. THEREFORE, ALL SPECIFICS

DROPPED AND FUTURE PROGRAM SIMPLY NOTES THAT S&T ADVISERS WILL CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. MEETING OF NATIONAL RAPORTEURS TO CONSIDER FOLLOW-UP WORK TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28-29, 1975 IN GENEVA.

5. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. SEMINAR, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY US, ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WAS ENDORSED AND IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 14-17, 1975 IN GENEVA. SPECIAL EARLY MORNING INFORMAL SESSION, DEC 11, CONFIRMED INTEREST OF BOTH WESTERN AND EASTERN REPS IN OBJECTIVES OF SEMINAR AND NATIONAL PLANS TO PARTICIPATE AND PREPARE CASE STUDIES. EAST INCLUDED, IN PARTICULAR, USSR, POLAND AND ROMANIA. REVISED SIMPLIFIED AGENDA AGREED. SECRETARIAT TO ISSUE INFORMATION NOTE (AGENDA, BACKGROUND INFORMATION, PROCEDURES, AND SCHEDULE FOR PREPARING CASE STUDIES) IN EARLY JANUARY. DEPARTMENT SHOULD INITIATE SELECTION PROCESS FOR US PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION BEING AIR POUCHED TO IO/CMD AND OES/SCI.

6. OTHER ITEMS.

A. GENEVA REP OF UN OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REVIEWED RECENT ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS ON S&T AND PARTICULARLY 1897(LVII) ON UN CONFERENCE ON S&T. HE NOTED SUGGESTED REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCES AND POSSIBLE ROLE OF S&T ADVISERS IN SUCH AN ECE REGIONAL CONFERENCE. ROMANIAN REP REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES DURING MEETING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF S&T ADVISERS ON LDC PROBLEMS IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED WORLD CONFERENCE AND TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO INCLUDE SUCH AN ACTIVITY IN 1975 WORK PROGRAM.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN, G. CORTELLESA, MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, ITALY; VICE-UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAIRMAN, K. ANANICHEV, STATE COMMITTEE FOR S&T, USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

C. THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY E. BURGER, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISER, NSF; ALTERNATE P. HEMILY, OES/SCI, STATE; ADVISER G. CHINGARI, IITRI-EUROPE; AND ADVISER A. STILLMAN, US MISSION, GENEVA.DALE

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